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● Why Do Therapists Need Rubrics?

We were fortunate to have Valorie Todd MA, OTR/L visit Therapro on August 22nd to begin our [2015-2016 Saturday Seminar Series](#). Valorie has worked in school systems for over 35 years, taught OT at Mercy College and Rutgers University and teaches continuing education programs on [Vision](#), [Visual Perception](#) and [Visual Motor Integration](#). She wrote a chapter on this topic in the book, [Understanding and Managing Vision Deficits](#).



Valorie shared the work that she and her colleagues are developing to devise a way to monitor quarterly progress in performance skills. They have spent many months fine-tuning rubrics for fine-motor, visual motor and hand skills. These rubrics are a way to assess a student's performance against a predetermined criteria; they are criterion based, based on normative data, but not standardized. Valorie stressed that these OT Rubrics are a work in progress. They have also identified a number of other areas for rubrics. For a more in-depth review of this seminar, be sure to see [Filomena's Corner](#). Video clips of the seminar can be viewed at [our YouTube channel](#).

Thank you Valorie for a very timely and informative seminar!

Karen Conrad Weihrauch, PhD, OTR/L

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● Tere is Coming Back to Therapro!

Specials

Some Back to School Specials - 10% Off:

1. [Pencil Grip Sampler I](#)
2. [Pencil Grip Sampler II](#)
3. [Hand Tool Kit](#)
4. [Essential Resources for Your School Practice Bundle](#)

Featured Products

Products Valorie Todd recommended that complement worksheets and activities from her rubrics:

[Preschool Visual Motor Integration Assessment \(PVMIA\)](#)

At last, a standardized test specifically devoted to the perceptual abilities of the preschooler!



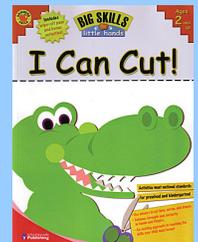
[Developing Visual Motor Integration](#)

Children copy dot designs that progress from simple to difficult on laminated re-usable sheets. Developed by the authors who spent over 20 years re-working and refining the designs.



[I Can Cut!](#)

Each page is beautifully illustrated and in color, enticing children to practice their cutting skills. The book is organized developmentally so children begin with snipping the fringe on a rug to cutting straight lines, curves, circles and cutting around various forms.



[Hand Tool Kit](#)

All your "hand tools" in a convenient kit! Great as part of the classroom "hand" station, or to allow students to try various grips and





[Tere Bowen-Irish, OTR/L](#), Therapro author of [Drive Thru Menus](#), is returning to Therapro on September 19th to give a presentation on [Weaving Visualization and Mindfulness into Your Practice](#). Her presentations are known for being interactive, fun, and practical as she teaches attendees about self-regulation strategies that foster academic success in students. Tere's presentations fill up fast, so register today!

● **Preview to the Therapro Assessments Catalog**



Hot on the heels of our new Product Catalog, we're almost ready to roll out our 2015-2016 Assessments Catalog. We thought you might be interested in hearing about one of the newest assessments.

[The Do-Eat Activity of Daily Living Performance Test for Children](#) was developed to evaluate functional daily task performance abilities among children with developmental coordination disorders. By observing the child make a sandwich, prepare chocolate milk and filling out a certificate of outstanding performance for him- or herself, scores are obtained for executive functioning, sensory-motor skills and the child's performance. Reliability and validity results are available in the *American Journal of Occupational Therapy* (2010), 64, 47-58 by Naomi Josman, Ayelet Goffer, Sara Rosenblum.

● **Sale Bin**



Browse through our [Sale Bin](#) for some great deals on discontinued or overstocked items. We update this frequently, so check back often!

pencils and find their most comfortable writing tools.

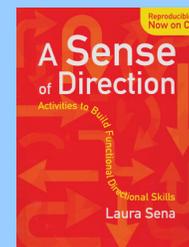
I Can Trace!

Teach children prewriting skills through playful tracing activities. These tracing activities include tracing lines in left to right, top to bottom and circular movements.



A Sense of Direction

This resource is a must for school-based occupational therapists, speech pathologists, and teachers for classroom inclusion activities. 40 fun activities are clearly explained, with purpose, materials, procedures, observations, and additional activities.



Seminars

All seminars are free, and are held Saturdays from 9-11 AM in our Showroom.

Upcoming confirmed events:

September 19, 2015

[Weaving Visualization and Mindfulness into Your Practice](#)

Speaker: Tere Bowen-Irish, OTR/L

October 24, 2015

[School-based OTs: Bring Your Own Device](#)

Speaker: Margaret (Peggy) Morris, OTD, OTR/L, BCP

November 7, 2015

[Yoga as a Therapeutic Practice: Treating the Whole Child](#)

Speaker: Lori Fitzpatrick, OTR/L

December 5, 2015

[Fostering Executive Function Skills, Part II](#)

Speaker: Sarah Ward, M.S., CCC/SLP and Co-Director of Cognitive Connections in Concord, MA

January 16, 2016

[Regulation in the Classroom from an Educator's Perspective](#)

Speaker: Victoria Munroe, MA

April 23, 2016

[A Sensory Perspective on Helping Adolescents and Young Adults Learn to Deal with Difficult Emotions](#)

Speaker: Karen Moore, OTR/L, author of the Sensory Connection Program

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